

In response to the final Office Action dated December 6, 2000, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter and consider the following amendments and remarks in the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 19, 20 and 41 through 44 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 13 to 15, 17, 21 to 25, 27 to 31, 33 to 40, and add new Claims 45 to 56 to read as follows. A marked-up copy of the claims showing the changes made thereto, is attached. Note that all the claims currently pending in this application, including those not presently being amended, have been reproduced below for the Examiner's convenience.

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13. (Twice Amended) A recording device comprising:
constituting method holding means for holding, in a memory detachable from said recording device, constituting method information related to at least one of an image data file and a voice data file, said constituting method information comprising user information exclusive to the user and recorded in the detachable memory in advance of a photographing operation;
mode setting means for setting a photographing recording mode; and
file name determining means for automatically determining a file name of image data or voice data according to information selected depending on a photographing recording mode set by said mode setting means from the user exclusive information held

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in said constituting method holding means, during a recording operation of the image data or voice data, the image data or voice data being recorded in the detachable memory holding the constituting method information.

14. (Twice Amended) A recording device comprising:

constituting method setting means for setting constituting method information related to at least one of an image data file and a voice data file, in advance of a recording operation of the image data file or voice data file, the constituting method information comprising user information exclusive to the user;

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constituting method holding means for holding, in a memory detachable from said recording device, the constituting method information set by said constituting method setting means, the constituting method information being recorded in the detachable memory in advance of the recording operation of the image data file or voice data file; and

file name determining means for automatically determining a file name of the image data or voice data according to the user exclusive information held in said constituting method holding means, during the recording operation of the image data or voice data, the image data or voice data being recorded in the detachable memory holding the constituting method information.

15. (Amended) A recording device according to claim 14, wherein said constituting method setting means is included in an external device, and wherein said

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constituting method setting means communicates with said external device to set the
constituting method information in said constituting method holding means.

17. (Twice Amended) A recording device comprising:

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means for attaching a detachable recording media in which constituting
method information related to at least one of an image data file and a voice data file is
recorded in the detachable recording media in advance of a recording operation of the
image data file or voice data file, the constituting method information comprising user
information exclusive to the user, and for recording the image data or voice data; and
file name determining means for reading a data file in which the user
exclusive information recorded on said detachable recording media is stored, and for
automatically determining the file name of the image data or voice data according to the
user exclusive information read from the data file, during the recording operation of the
image data or voice data, the image data or voice data being recorded on the detachable
recording media holding the constituting method information.

18. A reproducing device, further comprising means for reproducing
image data or voice data recorded by the recording device according to claim 17 together
with the user exclusive information.

21. (Twice Amended) A recording device for recording at least one of

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image data and voice data on a detachable recording medium, comprising:
means for generating image data or voice data to be recorded;

means for determining to-be-recorded attribute information relating to the image data or voice data, the attribute information being exclusive to the user and generated by the user in an external device and stored in the detachable recording medium before the generation of the image data or voice data; and

recording means for recording the attribute information determined by said determining means, and for relating the attribute information to the image data or voice data generated by said generating means, the image data or voice data being recorded in the detachable recording medium storing the attribute information.

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22. (Amended) A recording device according to Claim 21, wherein said determining means retrieves the attribute information from a detachable recording medium which is set in the external device.

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23. (Amended) A recording device according to Claim 22, wherein said determining means retrieves the attribute information by communicating with the external device.

24. (Amended) A recording device according to Claim 21, wherein the attribute information includes exclusive user information.

25. (Amended) A recording device according to Claim 21, wherein the attribute information is provided to respective files of the image data or voice data to be recorded on the recording medium.

26. A recording device according to Claim 21, further comprising photographing means for providing the image data.

27. (Twice Amended) A recording method for recording at least one of image data and voice data on a detachable recording medium, comprising the steps of:

a generation step of generating image data or voice data to be recorded;

CS a determining step of determining and storing in the detachable recording medium to-be-recorded attribute information relating to the image data or voice data, the attribute information being exclusive to the user and set in an external device by the user and stored in the detachable recording media before generating the image data or voice data; and

a recording step of recording the attribute information determined and stored in said determining step, and for relating the attribute information to the image data or the voice data generated in said generation step, the image data or voice data being recorded in the detachable recording media storing the attribute information.

28. (Amended) A recording method according to Claim 27, wherein said determining step retrieves the attribute information from a detachable recording medium set in the external device.

29. (Amended) A recording method according to Claim 28, wherein said determining step retrieves the attribute information by communication with the external device.

30. (Amended) A recording method according to Claim 27, wherein the attribute information includes exclusive user information.

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31. (Amended) A recording method according to Claim 27, wherein the attribute information is provided to respective files of the image data or voice data to be recorded on the recording medium.

32. A recording method according to Claim 27, further comprising the step of photographing to provide the image data.

33. (Twice Amended) A recording device for recording at least one of image data and voice data on a detachable recording medium, comprising:

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means for generating image data or voice data to be recorded on the recording medium;

means for setting the form of to-be-recorded attribute information relating to the image data or voice data, the form of the attribute information being exclusive to the user and set by the user and stored in the detachable recording medium before the generation means generates the image data or voice data to be recorded;

attribute information recording means for causing the recording device to store the form of the attribute information set by said setting means in the detachable recording medium; and

data recording means for recording the attribute information, according to the form stored in the detachable storage medium, on the recording medium and relating

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it to the image data or the voice data, the image data or voice data being recorded on the detachable storage medium.

34. (Amended) A recording device according to Claim 33, wherein the attribute information includes exclusive user information.

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35. (Amended) A recording device according to Claim 33, wherein the attribute information is provided to respective files of image data or voice data to be recorded on the recording medium.

36. (Amended) A recording device according to Claim 33, wherein the attribute information includes process information regarding a file name.

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37. (Twice Amended) A recording method for recording on a detachable recording medium at least one of image data and voice data, comprising the steps of:
a generation step of generating image data or voice data to be recorded;
a setting step of setting a form of to-be-recorded attribute information, and relating it to the image data or voice data, the form of the attribute information being exclusive to the user and set by the user and stored in the detachable recording medium before generating the image data or voice data to be recorded;

an attribute information recording step of providing a recording device that stores the form of the attribute information set by said setting step in the detachable recording medium; and

a recording step of recording the attribute information, according to the form stored in the detachable storage medium, on a recording medium, and relating the attribute information to the image data or voice data, the image data or voice data being recorded on the recording medium storing the attribute information.

38. (Amended) A recording method according to Claim 37, wherein the attribute information includes exclusive user information.

C/P 39. (Amended) A recording method according to Claim 37, wherein the attribute information is provided with respect to files of the image data or voice data to be recorded on the recording medium.

40. (Amended) A recording method according to Claim 37, wherein the attribute information includes process information regarding a file name.

Please add New Claims 45 through 56 as follows:

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DI 45. (New) A recording device for recording at least one of image data and voice data in a detachable recording medium, comprising:

means for generating image data or voice data to be recorded;

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means for retrieving from the detachable recording medium attribute information pre-recorded on the detachable recording medium; and

means for recording the attribute information retrieved by said retrieving means from the recording medium that relates to the image data or voice data generating by said generation means.

46. (New) A recording device according to Claim 45, wherein the attribute information includes exclusive user information.

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47. (New) A recording device according to Claim 45, wherein the attribute information is assigned to each of the image data and voice data to be recorded in the recording medium.

48. (New) A recording device according to Claim 45, further comprising photographing means for generating image data.

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49. (New) A recording method for recording at least one of image data and voice data in a detachable recording medium, comprising the steps of:

generating image data or voice data to be recorded;

retrieving from the detachable recording medium attribute information pre-recorded in the detachable recording medium; and

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recording the attribute information retrieved from the detachable recording medium in said retrieving step that relates to the image data or voice data generated in said generating step.

50. (New) A recording method according to Claim 49, wherein the attribute information includes exclusive user information.

51. (New) A recording method according to Claim 49, wherein said recording step includes assigning the attribute information to each of the image data and voice data recorded in the recording medium.

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52. (New) A recording method according to Claim 49, further comprising a step of photographing to generate image data.

53. (New) A recording device for recording at least one of image data and voice data in a detachable recording medium, comprising:

means for generating image data or voice data to be recorded;

means for retrieving pre-recorded attribute information from the detachable recording medium; and

means for recording in the detachable recording medium the attribute information retrieved by said retrieving means and relating to the image data or voice data generated by said generating means.